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## GERRYMANDERING.

dations of representative government and of free Institutions. Neither political party is wholly responsible for it, coually to blame:

each other. Thus, in political contests, | ings of national interest, It is considered not only legitimate b rt and despoil the opposite party, and the present mansion wholly to execu party advantage.

comes to be its turn, in this respect sub- improvement should be made in the inevitable results of party disaster, but, | the President of this great nation. all the same, it vows to take full revenge on the occasion of its first triumph, and in this way the evil is perpetuated. As a fact, neither party in any of the States is in a position to take the initiative in seeking a reform in the matter.

An illustration will show how the thing works. In 1881, according to a Philadelphia paper, the Republican majority in the Pennsylvania Legislature was divided in the contest for United States Senator. The caucus candidate invited to conference a number of prominent Democrats. The proposihonest Congr atorial candidnte of caucus. The bargain was not carried out, but its mere proposal is a revelation of the

present state of things. The gerrymander of Ohio recently effected by its Democratic Legislature is and honest retaliation for the unjust success action of the Republicans in the day of . Such generous and intelligent recogtheir victory. Personal conscience does not enter into the matter at all Gentlemen who, in private life, would seorn a dubious word or a doubtful netion, readily acquiesce in partisan tacties which in any other relation they would regard as utterly discreditable.

'The only remedy for the evil is Congressional action. The bill of Mr. Me-Comas should be stripped of its retroactive feature. Otherwise its passage would accomplish much good.

## THE BLAIR BILL.

No more eloquent speech has been delivered in support of the Blair Education bill than that delivered last week by Senator Barbour of Virginia. As Senator Colquitt said, it presented all the points of the bill in their most favorable light.

Notwithstanding all this the Richmond Dispatch, the leading Democratic paper of the State, says:

We are sure that hopes have been excited by the expectation that the Blair bill would become a law which will never be realized. Its purport and the intention of the chief sayorates of the measure have been misapprehended. The immense advantages which so many persons expect to see result from its operations will never be so apparent as its zealous advocates hope they will be. . Nevertheless, in this State the Blair bill

retains most of its popularity. There are thousands of educators-superindentents. principals and teachers--who hope that our whole State school system will profit by the enactment of the Blair bill into a law. There are tens of thousands of children in Virginia whose parents expect them to be enabled under the operations of the proposed law to attend school more than five or six months in the year.

We in Virginia have a right to boast of what we have done in the matter of education, but we must also concede that if we had been able to do it we ought to have done much more.

We have wandered from the condsideration of Mr. Barbour's speech to the con-sideration of the Blair bill. We may add that we do not expect that bill to become a law this year.

## TACTICS OF REACTION.

A curious movement is on foot in France which, though it is liable to misconstruction, is believed by wellinformed persons to have a political significance. The young Duke of Orleans, it will be remembered, was arrested at Paris for violation of the decree banishing him and his family from France. His sentence would have been changed into expulsion and banishment but for the radical agitation for a decree of amnesty to the criminals of the recent labor strikes. As it is, he is in confinement at the prison of Clair-

vaux in Champagne. Now, for the Christian world of

tory was such that the sanctity and matter of learning and book research.

Duke is confined, is the old abbey built | learned by referring to an advertisement by St. Bernard. Since the young man's In this issue. imprisonment a great Cistercian revival has occurred all over France. The leading purpose of this revival is the institution of a series of pilgrimages to Clairwanx, estensibly in honor of St. Bernard, but really in encouragement of the Duke

When all the cfreumstances are considered it will be admitted, even in America, that the tactics referred to constitute pretty "smart politics." The republic seems to be well established and altogether beyond danger from a sudden coup. But, all the same, the schemes adopted by the opposition .. 2 60 show considerable contrivance, and this Cistercian revival and these pilgrininges to the Dake's headquarters are admirably conceived in the Orleanist interest.

### A NEW WHITE HOUSE.

For many years it has been evident that something should be done to make the White House a proper habitation for the Presidential houshold and at the same time a sultable place for the transaction of executive business. From time to time plans of additions to the sale being in progress, the advertised present mansion have been prepared with the design of providing executive offices and so seeming much-needed privacy for the President's family. It is believed that the present Congress The iniquitous work that is known would make due appropriations for the by this name bids fair to sup the founonly be agreed upon.

The latest suggestion in this matter comes from Mrs. Harrison. She is of and, in the exercise of the temporary the opinion that a practical solution of power which success at the polls has the problem may be found in a design given to either, both parties have been which shall leave the original building intact and which shall add on the east Unfortunately the theory prevails and west counterparts of that buildthat the two leading political parties | ing-one for official business and the are enemies, and that they do not exist other for public receptions-all to be for the good of the people so much as connected by halls or galleries which for the antagonizing and crippling of might be utilized for statues or paint-

Whether such a plan is to be prelaudable to use any means to disparage ferred to the suggestion of abandoning nothing that canning can devise is so tive business and building a fitting and unscrupulous as to be unavailable for appropriate Presidential residence elsewhere demands careful consideration. It is true that each party, when it But there can be no question that some mits quietly to what are regarded as the | housing and official accommodation of

### A DESERVED TRIBUTE, The thing which Galveston, Tex.,

desires above all others is deep water in her harbor. That gained, the city named for the great Viceroy of Mexico. on the site of which the notorious Lafitte, the pirate of the Gulf, had his rendezvous after the war of 1812, would spring forward to yet greater prosperity than she has ever known. though Galveston is now probably the richest city in the country in proportion to population. The problem of deeption made was that there should be an ening the harbor is now in charge of apportionment of Colonel Ernst of the Engineer Corps. nough Demo- Speaking of him and his plans a gentleman, whom the Galvesten News describes as "an old citizen," said:

No engineer who has had charge of the work has ever inspired such confidence, and I repeat that no higher compliment could be paid any man than that which is being constantly paid Colonel Ernst by the unquestioning acceptation of his plans as regarded in the light of a simple, direct the only ones that will be crowned with

nition as this must be deeply gratifying to Colonel Ernst and his friends. It is also a tribute to the Corps of which he is an eminent member.

MEADE POST of the G. A. R., at Philadelphia, has passed a resolution declaring it to be a disgrace that no monuments have been erected upon the battlefield of Gettysburg "to mark the distinguished fame and glory" of Meade and Hancock. It seems that the Legislature at the last session made appropriations for the purpose, but Governor Beaver vetoed the bill. Pennsylvania should wake up to an appreciation of the fact that there are other things in this world worth doing besides making money out of the mineral products of the earth. Patriotism really pays better in the long run than pig iron.

NEW YORK CITY went into the fight for the World's Fair with the bumptious feeling that New York is to the United States what London is to England or Paris to France. The defeat she sus tained was a rude awakening from her dream of self-complacency, and she can neither understand nor forgive it. The fact is. New York is essentially provincial. She apes "Lunnon" more slavishly than any English or colonial

A WESTER IN THE Nashville Amercan gossips through a column and a half about "the girl who hints." He calls her "the prevailing society nuisance." In the last paragraph of his diatribe he says: "Now, I don't write these random observations for noth ing." We suppose not. He probably ing. We suppose not. He probably by little hands.

gets as much as \$2 a column for his I wonder, O, I wonder, why the children's lucubrations.

ocean lanes established twenty years I wonder, O, I wonder, when the rays what they like best. THE TENDENCY to abandon the old ago and to brave the perils of the northern route across the Atlantic may be conducive to quick passages but it will scarcely strengthen the sense of personal security which is the most importsonal security which is the most import-ant element in the comfort of an ocean | I wonder, O, I wonder, why the starving

MR. JENNINGS, the Conservative member for Stockport in the English House of Commons, who recently raised a commotion in his party by sailants of Mr. Parnell, is well-known in New York, having at one time occupied the position of editor of the New York Times.

NEXT FRIDAY evening and on Satur day afternoon Miss Amelia B. Edwards, 1 wonder, 0, 1 wonder, is it not that Nathe eminent English literateur and Egyptologist, who has been received with enthusiasm in the large cities of the country, will deliver two lectures Europe, Clairyaux has distinct and here under the auspices of the National cherished associations. It was built by Geographical Society, Miss Edwards St. Bernard, who founded the order of stands in the very front rank of archael-Cistercians or White Friars. The im- ogists and her knowledge of the life and ress of that order on Mediaval his- | manners of the ancients is not only a

ability of its founder, together with its but of personal and practical exploraewn spotless tame and charity, gained tion. These lectures will doubtless. for it an assured pre-eminence in those draw together large and cultured audiences and they will be listened to with The prison at Clairvaux, where the peculiar interest. Particulars may be

THE NEW YORK World denounces all bills providing for the erection of public buildings as steals. Among the bills thus characterized is the one providing for Washington's new postoffice. We regret the necessity of sayrespect, an ass.

## PURELY PERSONAL

General Silth Balling, postmaster of Petersburg, Va., is at the Metropolitan. General P. M. B. Young, ex-Congressman from the Cartersville, Ga., district,

The operation on Ben. Butler's eye has been very successful. Ben, is now much handsomer.

"The Biography and letters of Sarah Bernhardt, 1884 1889," by an old and well-known military officer, is soon to appear in Paris.

Representative Reyburn of Philadel-phia, the successor of Wm. D. Kelley, has invested, it is said, about \$1,000. 000 in real estate at Leavenworth, Kan. General F. E. Spinner, ex-United States Treasurer, writes that the cancer on his face is spreading so rapidly that be fears that his life cannot be spared

nuch longer. Princess Victoria, the sister of the Emperor William, will hereafter live most of the time out of Germany, hav-ing an allowance of \$50,000 a year for

that purpose from her brother. Dr. Peters is at length authentically reported to be alive and well in Ukamba a country lying a considerable distance to the south of Mount Kenia and occu-pied for some time past by the British

East Africa Company. Judge Matheny says that Abraham Lincoln was one of the first members of the Sons of Malta in Springfield. He took the joke in the best of humor and was nearly always present when there

was to be an initiation The Hon, Sir Dinshaw Manockies Petit is a Parsee gentleman who has given away \$1,000,000 in private char-ities. His latest benefaction is a gift of 100,000 rupees toward the founding of a leper hospital at Bombay.

The Pope has addressed a letter to of Persia, thanking that monarch for the protection and liberty accorded Cathorics in Persia, and forwarding him at the same time the in signia of the Order of Pius IX. Henry Ward Beecher's statue, which is to be placed in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is now being cast in bronze.

It is to be of colossal proportions, nine feet high, and represents the great preacher in the soft felt hat and cape. The cost will be about \$35,000, and the whole work will be completed in about eighteen months. John Jacob Astor's death makes William Waldorf Astor the richest man in America. William Waldorf dabbles a little in politics, having been a mem-

Italy, and twice an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. He writes unreadable novels, employs livered lackeys, and permits no one to sit on his front The Hon. Oran Follett of Sandusky is the oldest editor in Ohio. He was past 90 when he voted for President in 1888, and is in vigorous health and in good form to reach 190 years. He began his journalistic career over 70 years ago, was in the New York Legislature in 1820, was for many years an editor at Batavia, N. Y., and was the editor

ber of the State Legislature, Minister to

of the Ohio State Journal before the

I WONDER WHY. I wonder, O, I wonder how this dear, fa-miliar world, miliar world,
Whose loving face, so pleasant, is with
meadaw's dew impearl'd,
And tranquit takes that shadow forth her
changes, sweet and slow,
From budding-time to days of bloom, from

summe unto show.

I wonder, O, I wonder how a place so fair can hold Such bitter griefs, such aching hearts and sorrows manifold.

I wonder, O, I wonder when the woods are growing green, And the grass is swaying brightly, and the daisies show between, And the bobolinks are swinging in the tall and stately trees, And the glad, free winds are blowing from the far-surrounding seas-

I wonder, O, I wonder why this stream of loveliness
Flows not, like rivers broad and deep, each human heart to bless.

I wonder, O, I wonder why so many lonely hearts Must work the weary hours away 'mid bustling city marts,
And hungry homeless wanderers must
haunt the dismal town
With tear-dimm'd eyes and bleeding feet,
what time the night comes down;

I wonder, O, I wonder, when the earth with joy is rife, Why these must taste the depth of woe, the bitterness of strife.

I wonder, O, I wonder why the children, Must turn the dreary wheels around within the factories tall, Where, all day long, the furnace-breath sweeps past their faces thin, And loudly in their throbbing ears doth

sound the ceaseless din.
I wonder, O. I wonder why these children The nurmur of the breezes and the song of bee or bird.

I wonder, O. I wonder, where the dimpling, dancing rills

Are rippling, soft and silently, adown the surgleck'd hills, To where the yellow cowslips, in the green,

low-lying lands,
Seem waiting, in their beauty, to be plucked they can lean their heads up Have never feit the flowing of the waters. cool and sweet.

In flecks of light and shadow falls on fields of ripening corn,
And from the distant orchards comes the faint and dreamy sound Of rosy harvest apples dropping lightly to

when bounteons fields are smiling under-neath the deep blue sky.

I wonder, O. I wonder, if dear Mother Na-To rob these luckless children of the lovliness she lent,

they should miss
The glory of her sunshine, and her pure,
bright homes of bilss.

Vouchsaling gracious gifts alike to ev'ry living man, Is swept aside by selfish ones, who wish to have and hold The magic of her sweetness, and her treas

I wonder, O. I wonder, if their hands have And robbed these weaker brothers of their golden haritage. NELLT BOOTH SIMMONS. THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Dr. Charles Smart, U. S. A., left on Wednesday last for Fort Leaven worth, from where he will return in time to be present at the meeting of the Army Mutual Aid Association, The Hawalian Minister, with Mesand the Misses Carter, have been at

Fortress Monroe for a short stay. Miss Queen of Covington, Ky., is now the guest of Miss Tiernau at Fortress Mouroe, from where she will come to Washington on a short visit to Representative and Mrs. Carlisle,

Miss Clarke of Cleveland has returned ing it, but candor compels the remark to her home after spending a portion of that the New York World is, in this the season with Mrs. Charles Heintzelman, at her residence, corner of Nine teenth and K streets,

Secretary Tracy is already tired of hotel life, and has about concluded ar-rangements for leasing a house on Q street, into which he will shortly move with Mrs. and Miss Wilmerdies General and Mrs. Van Vliet left for Florida a week since, accompanied by

Mrs. Van Nostrand. Miss Dora Curtis, daughter of Colonel H. P. Curtis, U. S. A., is in the city for a visit to Mrs. Isaac Hen-Miss Belle Van Ness will leave the

in New York. Miss Maud Van Ness has returned from a delightful trip to Florida. General and Miss Mexia of Mexico ire keeping house at 1220 Elghteenth

General and Mrs. James Oakes, with their daughters, left last week for Fortress Mouroe, to remain a month. Before returning to Washington Gen-eral Oakes will take his family to the Natural Bridge for a short stay.

Ensign and Mrs. John M. Elliott have taken apartments at 1706 F street. Mrs. Columbus O'Donnell of Baltimore is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hinckley.

Mr. J. Fenner Lee will soon leave for had sat down his new post of duty at Rio de Janeiro, ecompanied by his family. Count and Countess Sponneck will intertain the French Class on Saturday

Among the hostesses who gave dianer parties on Saturday evening were Mme. Mendonca, Mrs. B. H. Warder, Mrs. John McLean, Mrs. Hearst and Mrs. Walter Woods.

There was a brilliant gathering at the Hotel Langham Saturday night, the occasion being the first Saturday night hop under the new management The large dining rooms were used, one for dancing and the other for the supper. In addition to the guests of the there were a large number of invited guests. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Rankin and wife, Representative Raines and sister, Representative Stivers and Mrs. and Miss Stivers, Colonel and Mrs. Webster, Colonel Marshall and daughters, Mrs. Judge Wilshire, Dr. and Mrs. Carroll, and Mrs. Webster Happy, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell, Mr. Trobridge, Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Carey, Dr. Morris, Mrs. Scott. Miss Ursule Strong, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Andrews, Dr. Berryhill, Indian Com-missioner and Mrs. Mergan, Mr. Noyes, and Mrs. Leroy Haines, Miss y, Mrs. and Miss Bryan, the ses Brown, Mr. Skerritt, Mr. Gib-Misses Brown, Mr. Skerritt, son, Mrs. Scott Bone and Mrs. Kate

## COMING STYLES IN GOWNS.

Scott Brooks.

New Fashions in Skirts, Sleeves and Shades for Ladies' Costumes. From the Ladles' Home Journal

The question is not yet settled beyond a peradventure as to what the prevailing styles in gowns will be. There are rumors that a little more bouffancy will be given to the skirts of summer gowns, and some of the latest importations show the hip paniers of a decade ago. Sleeves will be more moderate in their proportions and plainer in their modified, reduced gigot be-

ing most favored.
It is rumored also that side forms in the back will run to the shoulder instead of the arm sele and in line of darts. There will be one seam in front, also running to the shoulder. Bodice seams

will be corded again on dit. Ruffles will appear in various widths, sometimes arranged in groups up the Mauve and amethyst shades are ex-

ceedingly fashionable, both in tulle and light textures. Black is always fashionable, and many gowns have a col-ored front, which is edged with flowers or a ruche of the color, and the color is repeated as trimmings for the neck and sleeves—a fashion which has much to recommend it, since the dress is com-pletely altered by the substitution of a

## WHAT TREY LIKE BEST.

The Little Things Which Will Please Such little things please women!

They are made happy by a smile and a flower By a new frock and a pleasant greet-By a bit of cake and a cup of good

By a well-fitting pair of slippers and handkerchief with a drop of perfume on It.

By a string of gold beads or a new By being told they look nice, and having this accompanied by a kiss

By a tete a-tete supper, or a lot of the girls to eat ice cream in the middle of the day. By a box of candy or ten postage

By a wedding or an engagement.

By going to the matinee, or having a bit of news that is an absolute secret told them. But they are happiest of all when the shoulder of some great big man, tell of their woes and joys, be laughed at and kissed, be patted and assured of being "a ridiculous donkey, but after

## Don't Werry.

From the New York World. A well-known scientist has just pubiished a book on old age, giving the results of information received concerning nearly 900 persons who had attained the age of four-score years or more. The deductions made from the statistics obtained are of no special use to the young man or woman who wishes to an extreme age. Robust delicate people, the temperate and the intemperate, the heavy enters and the light enters, the men of intellect and the men who have lived by their muscle, the smokers and the non-smokers, the meat-eaters and the vegetarians, those who exercise and those who don't are all represented among the old-timers. The only conclusion of any great practical value obtained from these statistics is that men and women who do not worry have the longest

## Stanley's Lust Exploit.

The discovery of Mr. Stevens, the World's bicyclist, by Henry Stanley, i justly regarded by Henry as the greatest achievement of his life.

## ACTORS' FUND BENEFIT,

The Manison Square Theatre Com-pacy's Remarkable Trip, The matinee performance at Al baugh's this afternoon for the benefit of the Actors' Fund was a great success and was the occasion of a brilliant so cial gathering. The Madison Square Theatre Company made the trip from New York in four hours and seventeen inutes, being the fastest time on record. 'Aunt Jack' was given in splendid tyle, and Agnes Booth, Maude Harri-on, Eugenie Tabor, J. H. Stoddard nation was tendered to the State De-partment and accepted. This is why he tendered his resignation, says the Frederick Robinson, and the other well-known members of Mr. Palmer's famous

company were received with liberal demonstrations of appreciation. The occasion was one of peculiar interest, and the amount realized for the fund will be in the neighborhood of \$2,150. In addition to Mr. Palmer and his entire company, there were on board the train as his guests Mrs. A. W. Dickinson, Mrs. James T. Munn, Miss Zadie Stewart, General Horace Porter, J. H. Phynle of Paris, Colonel Findley Anderson, Louis Aldrich, C. W. Thomas of Hoyt & Thomas, E. H. Price, J. W. Shannon, Joseph Wheelock and Lester Gurney. There were also with the party Arthur Horn-blower of the Drematic Micror, Alexblower of the Dra ander Salvini and representatives of alcity in a few days to join her parents the New York papers.

## HE PAID FOR THE HAT.

The Aufal Blunder of a Young Man in a Railroad Car. Along about the middle of the coach was a young lady, not a beautiful girl,

but just ordinary, aithough she had a very jaunty hat and a sealskin sacque, says the New York Sun. A young man got on at Castile, who stood at the doo and looked the passengers over for a liberately down the aisle and plumped bimself down beside the girl. As he did so there was a crash and a crush and he sprang up to discover that he down upon a bandbox and

"I'm so sorry—so sorry!" he stam-mered, as he turned all sorts of colors. "Mister man!" she replied, as she for pected the ruin, "have you got \$12 "W-what! I really beg your pardon. Indeed I didn't-

"Fork over," she interrupted, holding out her hand. Twelve dollars?" "Exactly You have smashed a \$12 bonnet, and I want the money."

But. Miss-but-"My brother Bill is forward in the smoking car, and if you don't pay I'll call him. There's nothing cheap about Bill. He'll knock \$50 worth of jaw off your chin before he gets through

"I'll pay, miss," "That's business. Fifteen dollars, eh? Twelve from fifteen leaves three and here's the change and the hat Next time you go to kerplunk down be side anybody look out for breakers." beg to apologize, miss." he re

"Oh, you needn't; you got off cheap. If you hadn't smashed the hat I'd have pulled \$25 worth of hair out of your head, anyhow."

Everybody felt sorry for the man. He got into a seat at the end of the car, closed himself up like a jacknife, and, every time the door opened, what we could see of him turned pale for fear it

## A FRENCH MIRACLE GUN

A New Air Rifle Which Shoots With Wonderful Rapidity and Accuracy,

was her brother Bill.

The German press is discussing at length the merits of a new French repeating air rifle called the "miracle The rifle was invented by M. Paul Giffard in Paris, the original projector of the Parisian pneumatic post. It is described thus:

"The weapon is light-much lighter nan any of the army rifles now in use. It resembles the magazine gun in that a steel cartridge about a span and a half long and as thick as a man's thumb is attached to the one barrel by the means of a screw. This cartridge contains 300 shots, which can be discharged as rapidly or slowly as a man desires. Since neither powder nor any other explosive, but only compressed and liqui-fied air, supplies the expelling force, no

smoke and no flash accompany the dis-charge. Only a short sharp, low report is heard as the ball leaves the cartridge. "At the recent trial the ball traveled with wonderful accuracy, and pene-trated deeply into the wall of the shooting-room. As soon as one of the car-triages is emptied of its 300 shots another can be sercived on the gun in the twink-ling of an eye. M. Giffard says that the 300 shots in a cartridge can be produced at a cost of about two and one half cents. The gun itself can be manufactured for about \$5."

## CAN THIS BE TRUE?

resident Harrison Said to be Remark bly Clever at Poker,

From the Chicago Herald, A well-known United States Senator says that Ben Harrison is a rather elever poker player. "When Harrison was in the Senate," he says, "he used to play poker and, like most cold blooded men he plays a pretty good game. He doesn't bluff much, and it is seldom he takes desperate chances, but he has excellent judgment, and when he has a good hand he will stay as long anybody. I don't know whether plays now that he is in the White louse, but when he was in the Senate I have played with him many a time Is this the man that plous voters who abhor the sinful and deadly game of poker have supported for the Presi-dency?

## He Made a Mistake.

From the Managapolls Time Footpad-Stand and deliver your purse if you value your life. Citizen-See here, sir! May be you don't know who I am?

Foodpad-No, I do net; and what's more I don't care. Quick! Hand over Citizen-1 am a street-car conductor. Foodpad-The deuce you are! Then shake. I'm glad to meet one of the profesh, but I sometimes make a mis-

## Death of George Washington.

From Texas Siftin "When did George Washington die? asked a teacher in a New York public

ake. Good night,

'Is he dead?" was the astonished re ply. "Why, it was not more than a week ago that we were celebrating his birthday, and now he is dead. It's a bad year on children. I reckon his folks let him eat something that didn't agree with him, or maybe the grip got

DON'T TRINK THAT your catarrh or in-fluenza can't be cured, because all the reg-ular remedies have failed. Try old Saul's Catarrh Cure and see the baselit of a gen-ular remedy. Price 25 cents.

# DIED.

THOMPSON.—On Monday morning, March 10, 1899, at the residence of his brother in law, Mr. E. Bouglas, 220 C street northeast. James A. Thompson, in the 19th year of his Funeral to morrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

WHY BE CAME HOME,

Story of a Minister of Russia Whose Term of Office Was Short. Not so many years ago a distinguished American, who had held bleh official asitions in this country, was appointed finister to Russia. No one would sus-Minister to Russia. No one would susdilloes of less moral politicians, ite remained as our representative at the Russian Court only a few months, and to the surprise of his friends returned suddenly and unannounced to this country, and a few days afterward his resig-

New York Star: There was a bright, beautiful American woman traveling in Europe when the Minister went to St. Petersburg. She carried with her a face and a figure that were the envy of her less fortunate sisters. There was a court ball to come off in St. Petersburg one night shortly after the Minister's arrival, and the lady was in the city. Naturally, she wanted to be present, and not to particularize matters too much, it may just as well be stated that she did attendas the Minister's wife. One of the grand dukes, who in his day had not been overscrupulous in his wandering life, had once been sharply and sud-denly taught by this same brilliant and beautiful woman that a title is not the open sesame to every woman's heart, and that night he revenged himself by sending her history broadcast through out the palace rooms.

She was a nervy creature and she stood it, knowingly, till the waning hours of the night. But when she went back to her hotel, and the Minister had left her, she found a squad of silent Cossacks awaiting her and, in her flossy ball dress and furry wraps, she was hurried to the Russian frontier and warned never to trend the soil of the country again. Well, what was done with the There was a quiet intimation given to the Secretary of State at Washington, through the resident Rus sian embassador there, that the centle man had better be promptly recalled, and he came home under the usual pro tense that the climate was too cold for

## THEY ARE SUPERSTITIOUS,

Knights of the Cue With Same Queer Ideas of Lucky Omens. Frank Ives, the night previous to a match, sleeps with a pig's foot sus-

pended by a yellow ribbon from the headboard of his bed. Presumably this is one reason why Frank isn't hoggish, says the Boston Globe.

During the week preceding a match in which Frank Maggioli is engaged be

wears no socks. Some say he does it from force of habit. sson has never yet played a match before first turning his underclothing wrong side out. Eames, the New England champion

before begining a match game sme

two bad eigars in a close room, inhales the incense and then goes in to win. Carter on the day of his playing wears his but hind side foremost, and on the evening of the match ties a pink ribbon around his left big toe. Maurice Daly sits in a tub of cold water at 8 o'clock in the morning and 8 at night. He prefers iced water.

John J. Murphy never tries to down an opponent before going to the sechu-

sion of some dark room and reciting his favorite poem, entitled "Woodman, Spare That Tree." Sexton never played a match in his life when his shoes were mates.

Yatter for two days before a match game refused to speak even to his most intimate friends. A newspaper expert whose front name is "Mose" never begins a game of any consequence without first giving the hoodoo a necker by a two-hours' meditation on an elephant's tusk. lignaux cannot be induced to trim.

### eight weeks previous to crossing cues of Watches, comprising all with a rival. HATES THE NEWSPAPERS,

his finger pails or have his hair cut for

Senator Blair Ignores Certain Facts in Disliking the Press. Senator Blair does not love the newspapers. He says there is "a Jesuit" in every newspaper office in the country, and he accounts in this way for the failure of the newspapers to print his speeches. But he ignores certain facts

which must be considered, says the New York Times. One of these is that the physicians in lunatic asylums allow their patients unlimited liberty to write newspapers. This may be highly scientific way of treating mental disorder, but its inevitable result is to make the views of such publicists a drug in the leading newspaper offices. After editors have been dealing with such novel and surprising views of publie affairs for a time the novelty wears

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